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Amnesty speaker to take stand

AN ACTION group from Halesowen will welcome a guest speaker from Amnesty International to their latest meeting next week.

Halesowen Global Justice Group take part in Amnesty's greeting cards campaign every year and Ian McGarr is visiting the group to talk about the worldwide charity's work.

Justice Group chairman Ernest Cruchley will host the meeting, held in Halesowen Library's Shennstone Theatre on Queensway Mall. The Cornbow, while Margaret Pickford, will entertain visitors with a piano performance.

Chaz Stoll, spokesperson for the group, said: "Ian McGarr is a seasoned speaker for Amnesty and we are sure it will be an interesting evening for an excellent cause."

The meeting takes place at 7.30pm next Thursday (25).

Christmas tree scroll fundraiser

SCROLLS of remembrance are to be placed around Dudley's Christmas tree this year for residents to pay tribute to loved ones who have died.

The event has been organised by the Rotary Clubs of Dudley, Brierley Hill and Kingswinford to raise cash for good causes.

Residents will be able to leave the name of their loved ones on one of the scrolls, separate A3 sheets, and a dedication. Lights will also be available to sponsor for £5 on the Christmas tree in Market Place, Dudley, as part of the event.

Barriers plan to stop boy racers

BARRIERS will be installed on a Brierley Hill supermarket car park later this month to deter boy racers from gathering at the site at night.

There has been a problem with souped-up cars roaring onto the Asda site in Pearson Street for several years but bosses at the firm say they are now aiming to stamp it out for good.

Anti-bullying website

A NEW anti-bullying website for people in Dudley has been launched this week to mark national Anti-Bullying Week. The site will feature video clips demonstrating different forms of bullying, ranging from being left out to violence. The website is www.dudleysafefoundsoundcampaign.org/bullying.

VICTORIAN DAY FUNDING BLOW



Rupert Dugdale – council budgets not yet confirmed



Councillor Truner – asking for £2,000 from council



Tony Billingham – prime opportunity to help town

We'll fight to keep event in town say organisers

By Sarah Hazelwood

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THE future of the Halesowen's annual Victorian market is in doubt after Dudley Council failed to commit funding for the event next year.

After two years the fair returned to the town centre on October 9 with the help of a £3,000 handout from the council.

The fair, organised by the Hasbury and Cradley and Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, featured 43 charity stalls and a huge programme of entertainment.

More than 3,000 visitors turned out raising £10,000 for charities, including Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge. At the Halesowen Area Committee meeting earlier this month Rotary members were shocked to hear there was doubt the event may not return next year.

Press Officer for Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, Tony Billingham, said: "We revived the fair this year and it was so successful. In the long run seeing how much this event has helped the charity organisations I can't believe that there should be any questions about its return."

The Rotarians were due to meet at the end of this week to discuss a plan of action, but it seems that without the council's backing the £3,000 needed for the event will be difficult to raise.

In response to a question posed by Rotarian Stephen Jones, Dudley Council's head of economic and regeneration delivery, Rupert Dugdale, said the event being held in future years was "subject to funding being available."

He added: "The fair is organised by the Rotary Club and they will ultimately make the decision if it goes ahead next year. The council budgets have not yet been confirmed but we seek to support events that are good for town centre vitality where ever possible."

Eve O'Conner, Halesowen town centre manager, said: "The fair this year was very well received and it would be a great shame if it didn't return."

"I understand that it is difficult for the council but the Rotary clubs together did a wonderful job and it really would be fantastic to see the council back the event again."

Councillors from the area are hopeful that next year they can work closely with town centre management to give them an even greater chance to help secure the Rotary's application for Dudley's support.

Councillor Ken Turner, who is also a member of the Hasbury and Cradley Rotary club, said: "This year I was instrumental in getting the council to help fund the fair and it was hugely successful."

"I have now approached Dudley once again about the possibility of funding for next year. I am asking that at least £2,000 from this year's budget can be put aside to allow us to once again make this an annual event. If we could get this amount then the Rotary club would work endlessly to raise the rest of the funds."

The budget decision is due next March.



Neil Greenway, front, along with Jo Tranter and Richard Lisseter from the cast of 'Allo 'Allo, get ready for the Mayhem Theatre Group's production of the famous play at Leasowes Theatre

It's good moaning with sitcom Mayhem

MEMBERS of a Halesowen theatre group are preparing to put on their most extravagant play yet at the Leasowes Theatre next week.

Mayhem Theatre Group's latest production is 'Allo 'Allo and organisers have gone all out to make sure it's a show audiences will never forget.

A cast of more than 25 actors, supported by around 15 backstage staff, will take to the stage next Tuesday (23) until Saturday 27 with their take on the famous BBC sitcom.

Genuine World War II uniforms have been drafted in for the big-budget play and tickets are selling well.

Group member Mark Moran said he couldn't wait to get started.

"It's been an absolute hoot to make and I'm really looking forward to next week," he said.

"We've had to put tickets at £7 because we've spent a lot more on the budget this year but it'll certainly be worth it."

Mark added that profits from 'Allo 'Allo would be donated to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

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Cameras on roads are fake say police

ALMOST one in three speed cameras in the West Midlands is a dummy and does not catch speeding drivers, it has been revealed.

Official police figures show that out of 304 speed cameras in the Black Country, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull there are 89 which are "effectively housings".

Sandwell has the largest number of dummy "white sites" with 23 out of 57 cameras. Walsall has 18 dummies out of 48 cameras while in Dudley it is 15 out of 40, and Wolverhampton has four out of 40.

Chief Constable Chris Sims said they have "no enforcement activity" and added: "They represent sites where road engineering or other changes have removed the need to enforce."

The 304 speed cameras are divided into red, amber, green and white sites depending on the number of injuries over three years and the number of offences detected by a camera.

Peter Francis, West Midlands Road Safety Partnership programme manager, said in a report that repairing cameras and equipment damaged by vandals "may not be possible". The cost of film processing has risen and councils cannot afford digital upgrade.

Mr Sims added: "Not all camera sites are in operation at the same time. We prioritise camera resources among existing fixed speed and mobile camera sites."

Graffiti louts strike just days after hub's launch

YOBS scrawled graffiti over a new community centre in Stourbridge just days after construction work was finished as part of a multi-million-pound project.

Vandals sprayed paint across shutters at the new Healthy Hub building in Mary Stevens Park. The building off Heath Lane is used by community groups and includes outdoor gym equipment.

Councillor Heather Rogers, chairman of

the Friends of Mary Stevens Park, called the vandalism dreadful.

She said youngsters already had a designated graffiti board in the park where they were allowed to paint their designs.

"One day these people will have children of their own, and they will want to take them for days out to parks like ours but if they carry on doing this then they will just be left in a state."

"You can't believe it when we are trying to do things for the community. Police can't look after these buildings 24 hours a day."

Five Healthy Hub buildings for use by community groups have been built at parks in the borough by Dudley Council following a £4.5 million government grant.

The grant was given to Dudley to help tackle obesity. Outdoor gym equipment and multi-use games areas have also been installed for residents to keep fit.

Halloween

Councillor Rogers said the vandals had also damaged freshly-laid concrete for the foundations and brickwork, forcing workers to re-lay sections of cement. Park rangers will soon be based within the building and police have access to the hub to use as a drop-in centre.

The attacks may have happened overnight just hours after a police-organised Halloween party.

Fascinating rhythm

A LATIN-inspired Zumba fitness class and boxing session are on the schedule at Dudley Leisure Centre. For details, call 01384 812800.

Mayor's £24,000 handouts

CHARITIES in Dudley have been boosted by donations from the mayor's 2009-10 year in office. Almost £24,000 was handed over to three causes by Councillor Pat Martin.

She had chosen to support Dudley Stroke Association, Dudley Mind and the Open Stage Drama Group, a charity set up for disabled children and adults who take part in the performing arts.

The groups were invited to a civic event with Councillor Martin and the current mayor, Councillor Peter Miller.

Plea by WRVS for cash aid renewed

AN APPEAL for sponsors to help fund meals on wheels in Dudley has so far failed to bear fruit.

The cash shortage has left the service facing an uncertain future, but organisers are still hopeful.

The WRVS, which provides support to older people, says it is battling to meet the £50,000 annual costs to provide the lifeline to people across Dudley borough. It was hoped that local businesses would sponsor the service. Around

150 meals are served daily by the 70 volunteers who work from the charity's base, at Carlisle Hall, Victoria Street, Stourbridge.

Jan Webb, community centre manager, said: "We are still hopeful that someone will help us out."

Businesses would be able to put logos on the side of the meal vans. WRVS launched a private meals on wheels service following the end of Dudley Council's scheme two years ago.

Trophy bonanza for dance divas



Dance winners, back left, Chloe Matthews, 17, Sophie Haynes, 17, middle left, Stephanie Parsons, 11, Emma Hacketts, 11, front left, Jordan Lenton, 10, and Aimee Jones, 10

TALENTED pupils at a Cradley Heath dance school turned on the heat at a top championship to bring home 52 trophies.

A 16-strong contingent of dancers from The Rhythmic Dance Centre competed at the European Dance Championships held at Pontins, Prestatyn, Wales last week.

Among the winners were Chloe Matthews and Sophie Haynes, both aged 17, 11-year-olds Stephanie Parsons and Emma Hacketts, and 10-year-olds Jordan Lenton, and Aimee Jones.

The Reddall Hill Road studio is celebrating after Chloe, of Walsall, and Sophie, of Dudley Wood, were crowned top winners – the highest award at the championships.

The centre also scooped top spot in the rock 'n' roll adult and under-12 sections, under-12 beginners' solo freestyle, and under-12 pairs.

Rhythmic Dance Centre principal Sinead Hickman said: "We have a new set of children and they have done very well. We won 52 trophies and picked up many first to sixth places in many of the categories."

Theft of metals rocket by 69pc

METAL thefts in Dudley have bucked the trend of decline elsewhere in the Black Country by rising sharply.

Police figures show that in the past three months thefts have increased from 94 in August to 102 in September to 159 in October.

In two neighbouring areas the figures have fallen following a police campaign, new figures show.

Recorded crime figures for the past three months show offences have fallen by 40 per cent in Sandwell, and there have also been month by month reductions between August and October in Wolverhampton.

In Walsall there have been 288 incidents in total in the past three months – 76 in August, 111 in September and 93 in October.

Wolverhampton has seen a fall in the number of lead thefts in the past three months. There were 115 in August, 89 in September and 63 in October, making a total of 267.

In Sandwell there were 132 offences of metal thefts in August, reducing to 108 in September and 81 in October.

Tipton's Insp Dale Randle, said: "We have reduced metal related thefts by 40 per cent since we started Operation Steel in July."

"We like to think that correlates with the increased activity we have put in place in Sandwell."

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Bev could be a bride for James

SOUL singer Beverley Knight is engaged to her boyfriend James O'Keefe.

The star, from Wolverhampton, has been with the production technician for the past three years. Love blossomed after the couple met on the set of one of her music videos.

Beverley said the pair were not in a rush to head down the aisle due to her busy schedule, and added: "I wasn't expecting it. What with the new album, our wedding won't be any time next

year." The couple added in a statement they were both "thrilled and excited".

The 37-year-old, a former pupil at Woodfield Infants and Junior School and at Highfields School, both in Wolverhampton, is performing at the LG Arena in Birmingham next month.

She is just one of the stars turning out for the Rock with Laughter show on December 10 and 11, hosted by Dudley-born comedian Lenny Henry.

Protesters fail to halt crackdown on parking

Boxing clever to help children

SHOE boxes were filled with goodies to go to children in need across the world as part of a Black Country school's festive good deeds.

Pupils at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, managed to collect enough items to fill 175 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project which sees gifts sent to children who would otherwise not get a present on December 25.

Stationery

Karen Faynes, a nursery nurse at the school, said: "We have been taking part in Operation Christmas Child for about 15 or 16 years now and this year we started our collection in September.

"The youngsters brought in things such as toiletries, stationery, toys and sweets."

She added: "We have done very well this year and also received support from the Unity Church of God, Hockley, Birmingham, and the Harvester pub in Halesowen."



Kieran McDonald, aged five, front left, and Elliot Powell, front right, six, with, top left to right, Cameron Russell, seven, Kayleigh Gibson, six and Hamza Sharif, aged nine

PARKING bans on roads across Halesowen have been given the thumbs up by councillors after they were scaled back following complaints.

Halesowen Area Committee endorsed plans at a meeting despite traders claiming that their profits would be hit. Councillors were told that double yellow lines outside businesses around Shell Corner would wipe out passing trade.

But 11 of 15 proposed schemes were backed by the committee.

Four were deferred so people who had signed petitions objecting to the original plans could submit their views on the revised ones.

Stuart Taylor, owner of the Hair Care hairdressers, Long Lane, said: "We and other businesses constantly have people that need to park where the restrictions will be. If they haven't got that facility then we will lose a lot of trade and that will be to the detriment of Shell Corner."

Alterations

Some proposed no-parking zones have been cut and waiting restrictions planned for other sites including the Shell Corner area will be eased. The move followed consultation over summer when residents opposed schemes.

Nine petitions against the scale of the original proposals went to the council with 2,389 signatures.

The main petitions related to Fairfield Drive, Narrow Lane and Long Lane.

Alterations have been made to 10 of the 15 schemes. These include shortening proposed double yellow lines for Greenhill Road, Woodland Road and Beechfield Close. Parking bays could be introduced in Long Lane close to businesses at Shell Corner.

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Waste firm fined after gas knocks out worker

Rhianne's a real dance dazzler

A YOUNGSTER in Brierley Hill has taken the dancefloor by storm to beat the best in Europe.

Rhianne Billington, aged 11, won three titles at the European disco, freestyle and rock and roll championships.

She won the solo qualifiers, the solo grand final and the under 12 pairs events at the contest from October 29 to November 1 in held in Prestatyn, north Wales.

Rhianne, a pupil at Thorns Community College, Stockwell Avenue, Quarry Bank, also came second in the street dance pairs, third in the street dance pairs and fifth in the slow freestyle dance.

The youngster, of Blithfield Drive, Amblecote, started dancing just seven months ago.

She trains every week at Rhythmic Dance Studio, in Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath.

Sue said: "She always loved to dance so we decided to get her some lessons and we can't believe how well she has done."

The dance studio left the contest with 52 trophies in total.



Rhianne Billington, of Brierley Hill, with her European trophies

A LYE recycling firm has been fined £13,000 after a worker was knocked out by nitrogen gas.

Steve Barnes climbed into a chute after an appliance for breaking down fridges became stuck at Overton Recycling. The 47-year-old from Birmingham had to be rescued after being overcome by gas from the fridges.

The Rufford Street firm admitted breaching regulations and was fined £13,000 with costs of £6,107 by Halesowen magistrates last week.

Mr Barnes, from Birmingham, was taken to hospital on June 1 last year and was off work for three days.

Assessed

He has recovered physically, but the court heard that he has since suffered from poor sleep, mood swings and flashbacks which are only now subsiding.

Magistrates also heard it was usual for workers at the firm to climb into the chute, used to feed fridges into the machine for recycling, to clear any blockages.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive found the presence of the nitrogen in the chute had not been assessed. The company had also failed to carry out a suitable and sufficient risk assessment, which would have identified the risk of climbing into a confined space.

The HSE said the company should have had a system in place for clearing blockages which did not require entry into the chute.

Bosses at Overton Recycling pleaded guilty to breaching regulations.

Executive inspector Angela Gallagher said: "Companies need to ensure all machinery and processes are properly assessed."

Recycled materials to be used for repairing roads

THREE Dudley borough roads are to be resurfaced using recycled road materials to cut costs and carbon emissions. Dudley Council will use the technique to restore Chaucer Avenue, Lower Gornal; Netherby Road, Sedgley and Wallwell, Halesowen. The work on all three roads was due to take place this week.

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Tireless Geoff lights up lives with £6,500 of giveaways

Wonderful

A photograph showing a firefighter in full protective gear, including a yellow helmet and a green and white reflective jacket, kneeling on the left. To his right, a man in a grey jacket, blue trousers, and a hat is also kneeling, gently touching the nose of a brown horse with a white blaze. The horse is standing in a grassy field with trees in the background.

Owner Alan Talbot and fire crew commander Pete Walte
with pony Honey, who was trapped in a culvert near
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thechronicle

Society pride in eight decades of artistic talent at annual show

MORE than 100 pieces of art have gone on display at Dudley Museum & Art Gallery as an art group to mark its 80th anniversary.

Landscapes, portraits and still-life pieces are among works created by members of the Dudley Society of Artists.

The group is hosting its annual exhibition at the gallery, in St James's Road, beginning last Saturday. More information is available on 01384 815575.

One of the main prize winners this year is former college lecturer Malcolm Hilton, aged 61, of Hall Green, Birmingham.

Members

His piece called The Death of the Written Word won him the Percy Hipkiss award for best in show. He uses watercolours and pencil, aiming to give a unique take on the modern society we live in.

"I was surprised that I won because there are so many talented artists in the group," he said. The society meets weekly at Castle High School, in St James's Road.



Dudley Society of Artists members, left to right, Malcolm Hilton, Gill Smith and Geoff Slater with work in the exhibition at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery

Sick notes nurse cleared of fraud



Nurse Michelle Jukes

AN NHS worker who worked at a hospital in Dudley while receiving sickness benefit from one in Wolverhampton has been cleared of a fraud charge.

Operating department practitioner Michelle Jukes, aged 56, took time off work from Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital in 2006 after being diagnosed with dermatitis which affected her hands.

But she worked two shifts a week at Bushey Fields Hospital, in Dudley, from that time up to April 2008, while claiming sickness payments from New Cross, Wol-

verhampton Magistrates' Court were told. She pleaded not guilty to providing false information and the case against her was thrown out by District Judge Graham Wilkinson.

He told her she was entitled to work at psychiatric hospital Bushey Fields because it was a non-clinical environment, whereas New Cross was clinical. Ms Jukes did not tell her colleagues at New Cross that she was working at Bushey Fields.

Her manager at New Cross, Mike Clancy, told the court: "We had to get day staff in to cover the needs, which was an

extra cost. When you are off sick, you are sick. I would not expect her to be working when she was off sick."

Ms Jukes, who worked full-time at New Cross and was responsible for putting drips into patients and inserting needles, told the court: "When I saw the director at New Cross, he said that it would be okay for me to work in a non-clinical area. Bushey Fields is very much non-clinical."

Judge Wilkinson told Ms Jukes, of Vale Street, Upper Gornal: "It's unfortunate this prosecution was ever brought. You leave without a blemish on your character."

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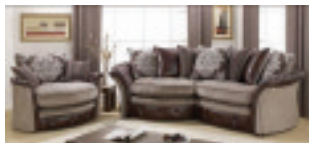
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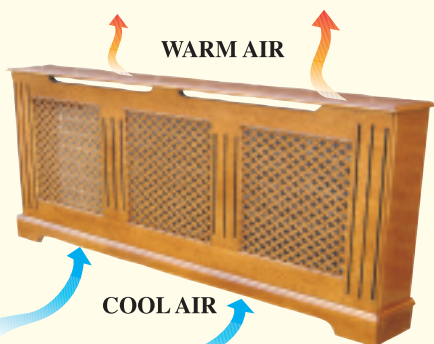
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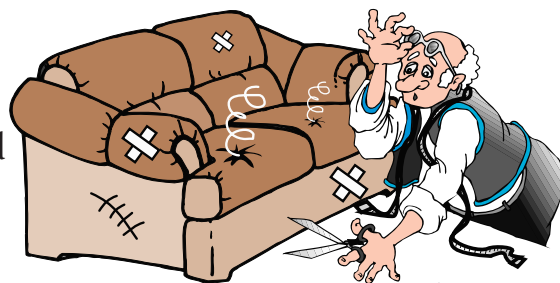
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Scott Marsh carries out his attack on bulldog Sasha

Ex-PCSO shamed on dog cruelty

THIS is the horrific moment a drunken former police worker was caught on CCTV kicking his dog.

Ex-Police Community Support Officer Scott Marsh, aged 25, of Wesley Court, Cradley Heath, carried out the "sickening attack" on his American bulldog Sasha in June.

He has been banned from owning a pet for seven years after admitting animal cruelty.

Marsh was captured on CCTV in the lift at the block of flats where he lived, kicking Sasha, Warley Magistrates heard. The

images show Marsh enter the lift with the pet, before kicking her in the head.

He pulls the lead and kicks Sasha in the body.

The dog appears to writhe around in pain on the floor of the lift.

Problems

Marsh again tugs the lead, before kicking the dog in the head again.

He then drags Sasha to her feet as the lift doors open.

The court heard how the dog appeared to urinate in the lift out of fear.

RSPCA prosecutor Nick Sutton told the court Marsh

admitted the matter when he was interviewed.

Marsh told police he was drunk at the time.

His defence solicitor Mr Parminder Hayre told the court Marsh had been going through personal problems following a break-up with his partner.

He had also lost his dream job as a PCSO.

Marsh was given a 12-month community order and ordered to pay costs of £992. He must also carry out 80 hours of unpaid work.

Sasha recovered and has now been re-homed, the magistrates were told.



Recovered- Sasha has now been rehomed

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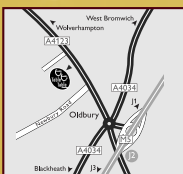
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Bonham rockers in debut at Civic

A ROCK supergroup featuring Black Country music icons has announced its first full public concert in Wolverhampton.

Black Country Communion will play at the Civic Hall this Christmas, as well as a second gig in London.

The band includes Dudley-born Jason Bonham, son of Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham, American guitar virtuoso Joe Bonamassa, Cannock-born Glenn Hughes, of Deep Purple and Black Sabbath, and former Dream Theatre keyboard player Derek Sherinian.

Heartland

The concert will be only the second time Black Country Communion has performed in the UK.

Organisers say the 3,000 tickets are likely to sell out in record time for the Wolverhampton gig on December 29, and the show at London's O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire the following night.

Debut album Black Country took top spot on the Amazon pre-sale chart before peaking at number 13.

Wolves fan Glenn Hughes, speaking of the band's first public show in the Black Country, said: "We feel it's absolutely appropriate to play our first full show on the planet in mine and Jason's heartland. This is where it all started for us."

Tickets are on sale from this Friday through www.seetickets.com or the National 24-hour Box Office on 0871 2301101.

No payouts for traders over roadworks blight

COMPENSATION will not be given out to traders who lost customers and trade during a £3 million roadworks scheme.

Shopkeepers whose businesses are near Reddal Hill Road and Upper High Street, in Cradley Heath, said takings had halved three weeks into a 15-month project to widen the carriageway and ease congestion in the area. Major routes along the A4100 are becoming one-way as part of the works.

Traders say bus services were disrupted and shoppers were driven away. But their compensation plea has been rejected with Sandwell Council bosses saying the work had to be carried out for everyone's benefit.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's transport boss, said: "We are sorry to hear of any inconvenience traders are experiencing."

"Under the law there is no obligation for councils to pay out compensation for loss of trade due to repairs to the roads because we simply have to repair and improve them for everybody's use."

"If we had to factor in compensation claims for loss of trade for all big projects, they just wouldn't happen for fear it could cost the council a lot of money in payouts – so the law makes provision to say we do not pay out compensation for any loss of trade. We have undertaken a lot of consultation with the traders and residents, including posters, letters, brochures, exhibitions, discussions and questionnaires since February last year."

"This is a major project to improve the roads in Cradley Heath and hopefully all businesses will reap the benefits."

Stephen Pitts, of Teet Shirts, who said the shop was down £1,000 in takings in one week, said: "I am absolutely gobsmacked."

"Central government are asking business to get the country out of debt and now we've been saddled with this millstone round our neck."

Lemar stepping in R&B singer Lemar, who got his big break on TV's Fame Academy, is replacing former X Factor finalist Stacey Solomon as top of the bill for the Join The Stars concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 1.

Stacey has pulled out after joining the line-up for TV's I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!

First-class help for sick children

KINGSWINFORD school pupils inspired by the care of life-limited children at Acorns Children's Hospice, raised more than £800 with a "marvellous" fundraising effort.

They wrote letters requesting a mufti day to help look after the children at Acorns in the Black Country, which cares for almost 200 local children.

Year 9 pupils from Kingswinford School used the power of the pen when Lisa Phillpotts, the school's KS3 co-ordinator of English, challenged them to write letters to persuade their headteacher to agree to the mufti fundraiser for Acorns. The whole school participated in the mufti

day and donated £1 each for the privilege.

Mrs Phillpotts said: "I used the Year 8 persuasive writing unit to allow students a real life audience to write to and an opportunity to achieve something beyond just the writing itself."

"We asked our students to write to their head teacher, Mr Francis, asking him to have a mufti day on the last day of term in July. They gained a lot from the project – and not just the skills related to their writing."

Toni Hasler, community fundraising manager for Acorns said: "The Kingswinford pupils made a marvellous effort."

Back in time with Dr Barnardo



Joe Davis, aged nine, front left, and Jennifer Southall, aged 10, with Year 5 and 6 pupils from Olive Hill Primary School, Halesowen, in Victorian dress

HALESOWEN schoolchildren stepped back in time to tell the story of Victorian philanthropist Dr Thomas Barnardo.

Children at Olive Hill Primary School have learned about the Victorian era through the life of street urchin Jim Jarvis, the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to set up homes for destitute children in London in 1867.

To share what they found with parents and fellow pupils, Years 5 and 6 pupils donned Victorian costumes and acted out scenes from the story, together with

accounts of Dr Barnardo's life and work. It followed a trip to the Black Country Living Museum where youngsters were told what life was like for schoolchildren in the 19th century.

Teacher Leanne Willetts said: "We have read and written our own Victorian stories, made bonnets and top hats, acted out dramas about 19th century life and completed projects on famous Victorians."

Pupils are making Victorian Christmas crafts to sell at a school Christmas market to raise money for the Barnardo's charity.

Mother admits fiddling benefit

A FRAUDSTER who claimed benefits from Dudley Council has been handed a suspended jail term of 16 weeks.

Patricia Williams, aged 62, of St John's Road, Dudley, was prosecuted for fraudulently claiming more than £17,000 in housing and council tax benefit from between November 2004 and May 2008.

Williams failed to inform the council that her children had returned to live with her.

Toughest

The council started an investigation on Williams's claim following a tip-off from a member of the public.

During questioning by benefit fraud investigators, Williams admitted to her children returning to live with her.

During sentencing at Halesowen Magistrates Court on October 29, Williams was given a 16-week prison sentence, which was suspended for one year.

She was also ordered to carry out 60 hours of unpaid work in the community and pay £295 towards costs.

Councillor David Blood, Dudley Council's cabinet member for finance, said: "Benefit fraud is theft and we are committed to catching benefit thieves and bringing the toughest penalties against those who commit this crime."

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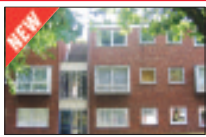
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Man grew cannabis in house

A BLACK Country man growing cannabis in his bedroom was caught by police after he let the plants get "out of control", a court heard.

Alexander Littlewood, 30, of Park Road, Netherton, pleaded guilty to cultivating cannabis at Dudley Magistrates Court.

Littlewood, who lives with his partner and child, was growing 38 plants. Police on patrol in the area noticed a smell of cannabis coming from the house and saw a

number of plants in the upstairs window, said Ms Virinder Bains, prosecuting.

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said The plants grew too high and were very obvious to passers-by.

Littlewood admitted being addicted to cannabis and said the plants were for his own use. Ms Bains added:

The case was adjourned until tomorrow (November 19) for a pre-sentence report.

Inquiry over the fate of drug grower's home

Peer pressure from school pupils

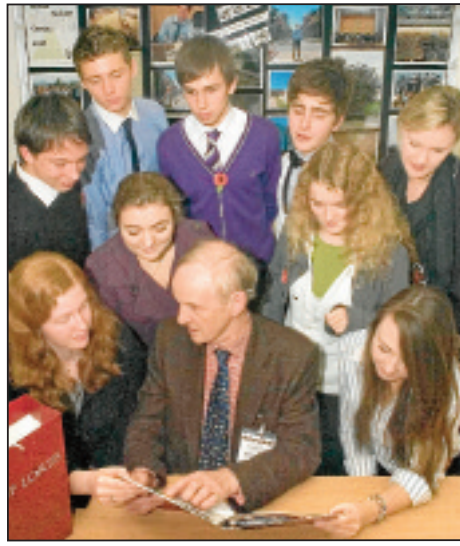
STUDENTS in Hagley gave a topical grilling to a Liberal Democrat peer on university tuition fees and the coalition Government.

Lord Paul Taylor faced a barrage of questions from 180 pupils at Haybridge High School. The hour-long session was hosted by Lord Taylor as part of a project called Peers In Schools organised by the House of Lords.

Nations

The scheme aims to educate pupils at the school in Brake Lane, Hagley, near Stourbridge, on the role of the Upper House of Parliament and to give an insight into the day-to-day workings of Westminster.

Many of the tough questions came from a group of sixth form students who recently returned from a trip to the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.



Laura Read, 18, and Rhianon Plant, 17, and classmates with Lord Taylor at Haybridge High School, Hagley

A CANNABIS grower from Dudley faces losing his family home after being convicted of drug offences.

Richard Whittaker, aged 27, was caught growing two plants in a wardrobe when police smelled the drug during a visit.

Whittaker, of Tiled House Lane, Pensnett, admitted production and possession with intent to supply.

West Midlands Police officers today said Dudley Council had been informed of Whittaker's conviction and will investigate the situation.

He was given a nine-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, and also ordered to undergo supervision and abide by a curfew at a recent hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Crackdown

Jeff Aldridge, from Dudley Police Local Priorities Team, said: "Whittaker and his family have lived at their address in Pensnett for many years, however due to his illegal activity they now face the possibility of losing their home."

"Dudley Council has been informed of the prosecution, and will now investigate the matter following this conviction," Pe Aldridge added.

Officers added a crackdown on illegal drugs in Pensnett would continue.

Neighbourhood sergeant Cliff Tomkinson said: "We are determined to send the message that drug abuse and the trade of drugs in the area will not be tolerated."

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Rhyddian is coming home

WELSH star Rhyddian Roberts is looking forward to coming "home" to Birmingham to make his big time stage debut in an epic production of War of the Worlds at Birmingham National Indoor Arena.

Rhyddian, who found fame in the 2007 series of The X Factor, was a drama and music student in the city for six years, living in Edgbaston and attending the prestigious Birmingham Conservatoire.

The 27-year-old who now lives in Cardiff says his success is due to his training in opera and drama in Birmingham rather than The X Factor. "The X Factor is a just a bubble, all hype. You need good grounding and training to be a success in this career because it only gets harder," the singer told The Chronicle.

He is not too impressed with this year's crop of X Factor hopefuls but chooses to be diplomatic: "It's not for me to quash their dreams."

However, he does have two favourites - teenager Cher Lloyd, who he reckons has star quality, and singing decorator Matt Cardle.

As for the Black Country's Brazilian eccentric Wagner:

"Love him but it is farce. Dressed up as a 70s porn star. It is supposed to be a singing competition."

He described his involvement in The X Factor as a calculated risk, balancing public exposure with his intention to be accepted as both a pop and classical singer. It has been a success, he sold more than half a million copies of his debut album and has worked with his music heroes, including composer Karl Jenkins and fellow Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel.

But Rhyddian revealed that his third album, which he is currently recording and is due out in February, will be more rock and pop orientated: "I love Bowie, Freddie Mercury, Tina Turner, so think 1980s and 'new wave'."

Phantom

In Jeff Wayne's spectacular War of the Worlds, at the NIA on December 9, Rhyddian will be playing Parson Nathaniel, a clergyman who rejects God after the alien invasion and takes on a demonic character. He will be appearing alongside Jason Donovan, Atomic Kitten's Liz McClarnon and Justin Hayward, whose Forever Autumn was the big hit from the original 1978 concept album.

The War tour will be visiting several countries and Rhyddian, who still regularly visits Birmingham for singing and drama lessons, is relishing his big dramatic role. He has loved musical theatre ever since the days he appeared alongside other students in shows at Birmingham's Crescent Theatre. He went on to study musical theatre at London's Royal Academy of Music.

"I have been offered West End roles, including Joseph, but it is too much of a commitment eight shows a week for a year or more. However, when I am older I would love to play The Phantom."



Rhyddian as Parson Nathaniel

He will be back in Birmingham as Hayley Westenra's guest at her Christmas Wishes concert at the Symphony Hall

Rhyddian said: "I was originally down to do Cardiff but as soon as I saw it was playing Birmingham as well I asked to be involved."

"All of my friends are from Birmingham, it feels like home."

He will be returning to his adopted home city again next summer to star in Queen

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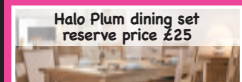


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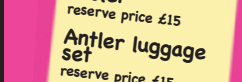
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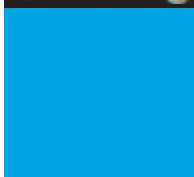
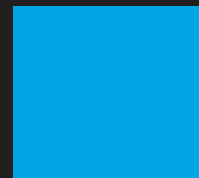
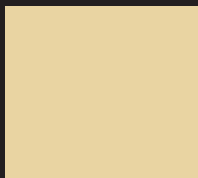
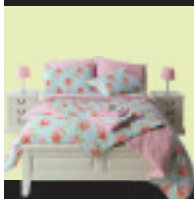


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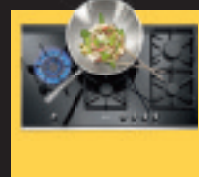


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Festive plea for money to help young



Dudley Volunteer Centre workers June Bowen, Eileen Fielding and trustee of Dudley Hope, Geoff Hill, launch the toy appeal for Christmas

A CHARITY in Dudley is appealing for townfolk to send them much-needed cash donations instead of Christmas cards this year.

As part of the Dudley Hope Trust's Operation Santa toy appeal, funds are wanted to buy gifts for disadvantaged borough youngsters.

Each year volunteers flood through the doors of Dudley Volunteer Centre, which helps co-ordinate the Hope Trust appeal, to wrap gifts that they hope will put smiles

on the faces of hundreds of borough children. During the time that the busy centre has co-ordinated the appeal, more than 8,000 gifts have been wrapped.

Cheques

This Christmas around 500 children, identified through social services and voluntary and community groups, will be opening presents or enjoying seasonal celebrations and pantomime treats.

Eileen Fielding, of Dudley Volunteer Centre, said: "Operation Santa puts big

smiles on the faces of so many local youngsters but it would not be possible without year-round fundraising by the Hope Trust.

"Unfortunately, Christmas isn't a time of plenty for everyone. We hope that our appeal will get everyone thinking about how a small donation can make a big difference to a child in need."

Donors can send cheques care of Dudley Hope to Operation Santa, Dudley Volunteer Centre, 7 Albion Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE.

Call 01384 573381 for more information.

Mystery Mario artist in fresh online twist

HE has perplexed Black Country publicans for more than three decades but the mysterious Mario Lanza fan has now found an army of admirers online.

Whoever the phantom is he has been leaving beer mats with the same drawing of the late opera singer Mario Lanza in pubs and shops since the late 1970s.

No-one has ever found out who he is. But he now has 72 admirers on social networking site Facebook and a documentary maker has decided he is worthy of his own film.

Details of the Facebook group dedicated to the fan, who signs his work AJW, emerged as he left six beer mats at the Cleveland Arms pub in Old Stowheath Lane, Willenhall.

Visit

Some of the beer mats give a link to the address www.facebook.com where people can find it by searching for Mario Lanza AJW. Landlord Will Adamson, aged 38, said: "We found six of these beer mats and went online to look. I then found some of the stories the Express & Star have written

about him over the years." Facebook user and English teacher Mike Steven from Wollaston said recent visits by the so-called Ghost had referred to the mystery of cats going missing in the village several years ago.

His mats now include pictures of cats and refer to Wollaston as the "Bernuda Triangle" because around 50 pets have gone missing from the area.

Mr Stevens, aged 34, who teaches at Hillcrest School in Dudley, said: "We are speculating on whether it's the same man or whether someone has taken up the legacy."

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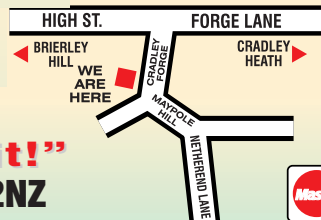
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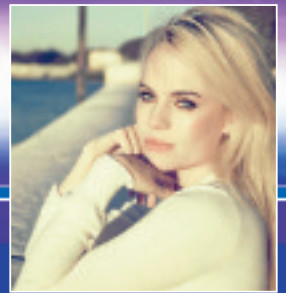
Jedward bandwagon keeps rolling

LOVE them or hate them, Jedward have stubbornly refused to fulfil the predictions of those who suggested their moment of fame would be brief after they paved the way for Wagner by being The X Factor act who divided the public.

The Irish twins, John and Edwards Grimes, may be famous for being famous – their musical mix of cover versions and bland pop is hardly earth-shattering – but the Planet Jedward bandwagon rolls on to prestigious Birmingham venue the Symphony Hall on Saturday, November 27. The teens with the gravity-defying quiffs

sold out their Irish tour and are likely to be facing a big crowd in Brum. I suspect many will have been attracted by the duo's gauche, immature posturing and won over by their sometimes hilarious TV documented misadventures when they cut the apron strings from mom. It can't be the music... can it?

The youngsters' recent appearance on Never Mind The Buzzcocks left one wondering how aware they are that the joke's on them but you can bet they're crying all the way to the bank!



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Motorhead... Lemmy, Mikkey Dee and Phil Campbell

Motorhead drives into town ready to rock...

IF one man has come to epitomise rock 'n' roll it is Motorhead singer and bass player Lemmy.

Over the past four decades few other artists have had such an enduring impact on heavy metal music and, with his 65th birthday approaching on Christmas Eve, Lemmy is rocking harder than ever.

His powerhouse trio (also featuring guitarist Phil Campbell and drummer Mikkey Dee) are in concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Wednesday, November 24.

The band's 27th album Motorizer was released two years ago. Their latest album The World Is Yours is due to be released next month.

Rock fans will also get a chance to see the band he belonged to before Motorhead –

space rockers Hawkwind – at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on December 8.

It's Lemmy's voice that can be heard on their biggest hit, Silver Machine, though lead vocals are now taken by the group's founder, Dave Brock. Lemmy left Hawkwind 35 years ago and one of the last songs he wrote for them, Motorhead, provided the name for his own band.

He features in a new rockumentary DVD about his life, with contributions from celebrity fans that range from Ozzy Osbourne to Jarvis Cocker, that will be released in January.

Lemmy is also the star of the new Kronenbourg 1664 TV ad, singing a slowed down acoustic version of Motorhead's best known song, Ace of Spades.



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Black Country Communion with Glenn Hughes far left

Black Country debut

BLACK Country Communion, the critically acclaimed Anglo-American rock supergroup fronted by Cannock rocker Glenn Hughes, will be making their Black Country debut at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 29.

Tickets priced £40 (standing) and £45 (seated balcony) go on general sale on Friday, November 19. The band feature former Deep Purple and Trapeze singer Hughes alongside top American blues rock guitarist Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born Jason Bonham (who followed his late father John as drummer with Led Zeppelin) and former Dream Theater keyboardist Derek Sherinian.

Their self-titled debut album has had rave reviews and has gone top of the rock charts.

A show that will get you believin'

CALLING all Gleeeks... a show designed for fans of cult US TV show Glee brings some 40 songs from the series, ranging from Gold Digger to Vogue, and of course the show's title song Don't Stop Believin', in a homage which - for copyright reasons - can't actually be Glee.

So expect high school kids belting out reworked versions of rock, R & B and show tunes but don't expect the TV characters. It's at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday to Saturday.

Meanwhile, real life couple Juliet Mills and Maxwell Caulfield star in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy Bedroom Farce until its last performance at the Grand this Saturday night.

That festive feeling comes to Birmingham Hippodrome with Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella, which opens on Wednesday, November 24. BRB Director David Bintley's new production of the classic fairy tale, with music by Prokofiev, marks the company's 20th year based in Birmingham and is on until December 12.

One nighters at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre continue with tomorrow (Friday), Thank You For The Music, a tribute to the songs of ABBA and The Bee Gees; more nostalgia on Saturday with two and a half hour Fab Four tribute The Magic of The Beatles; on Tuesday

THEATRE

In The Flesh is a tribute to Pink Floyd including light show.

Birmingham Stage Company bring Phillip Pullman's children's fantasy The Firework Maker's Daughter to the stage at Birmingham Old Rep, in Station Street, until November 28.

Gerald Logan performs Shakespeare's narrative poem The Rape of Lucrece, about the impact of the terrible crime on victim and perpetrator, at the Arena in Wolverhampton tonight (Thursday). Abnormally Funny People, a group of disabled comedians, "bring a token non-disabled person to tick that all important diversity box" at the Arena tomorrow (Friday). Punk, terrorism and epic war movie Apocalypse Now collide in 1977 by Volcano Theatre at the Arena on Tuesday night. The women of ancient Greece invoke a sex ban in AOD's Lysistrata on Wednesday and Thursday at the Arena. This modern interpretation of classic Greek drama is not recommended for under-14s.

Comedian Andrew Lawrence brings his 'Too Ugly For TV' tour to Wolverhampton Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday). Comic Paul Sinha, who also happens to be a GP and gay, has a gig at Birmingham Town Hall in association with the Shout Festival on Tuesday.



Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella opens at Birmingham Hippodrome

REVIEWS

I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. Wolverhampton Grand

A VENERABLE comedy institution came to Wolverhampton on Monday when the crew from Radio 4's 38-year-old spoof panel game I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue convened at the Grand Theatre for a night of inspired silliness.

The touring version of the radio show, the tea time favourite of many a commuter, brought one of the most talented comedy line-ups ever to share the Grand stage, including superbly grumpy chairman Jack Dee in the chair famously long occupied by the late Humphrey Lyttelton, with comedian and crooner Jeremy Hardy, veteran comedy writer Barry Cryer (now available in colour) and former Goodies Tim Brooke-Taylor and Clue's originator Graeme Garden.

ISHAC is all about witty wordplay with a healthy dose of snarl, usually regarding the sadly ever absent scorekeeper the lovely Samantha.

The dedicated fans among the full house audience roared their approval for such rounds as the baffling game Mornington Crescent (now aided by sat-nav), Censored Songs in which a buzzer can make the most innocent song sound filthy, Karaoke-Cokey in which the panel try to identify songs played by the audience on kazoo, and Uxbridge English Dictionary finding new meanings for old words... my favourite being Graeme Garden's 'Cannibalistic', a Geordie rocket.

The evening ended as audience and panel joined together on swanee whistles and kazooos for a poignant version of We'll Meet Again. "Like a party in a care home", added Jack.

Leon Burakowski

Lee Mack, Going Out, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

A SELECTION of the audience may have felt the brunt of some of Lee Mack's material, but I'm sure like the rest us they would have gone home much happier for the experience. On day 107 of nationwide tour, the cheeky Northern funnyman was on top form throughout a show that seemed to last longer than its hour-and-a-half duration.

The set began with Mack locking an audience member in a box on stage. "I just didn't like the look of him," he joked. It ended with questions and answer session Cockney rhyming slang, drinking - "I joined my local wine club. We meet in the park every morning at 9" and the French - "I don't trust them, they put C in the hot tap" were among the topics covered, as well as advertising hard sell, Michael Jackson and sign language. Needless to say, he also took a poke at the Brummie accent.

West Country comic Noel Britten had provided the warm-up.

Mark Shipp

Goldfrapp. O2 Academy, Birmingham

THANK goodness Alison Goldfrapp is around to keep the glitter and glam in pop music and, remember, before Gaga there was Goldfrapp.

Entering the stage from an inflated tunnel through a sea of dry ice to the breathy panting of Voice Thing, she shimmered and sparkled in a feathery black and silver poncho. Her outfit fizzed about her as she faced down a gale from the wind machine, which sent her gold curls twisting like Medusa's locks. It was an inspired, otherworldly look utterly in keeping with her glittery blend of disco and glam rock.

Her partner in Goldfrapp Will Gregory doesn't do live but she was superbly supported by her space-age pyjama-clad band, including keyboards slung like a guitar and electric violin.

The set leaned heavily upon new album Head First, which hasn't quite been the expected success but it was apparent fans are starting to embrace songs like the Fleetwood Mac-ish Dreaming and the perky Believer. That built up to a crowd-pleasing big stomping climax with Ride A White Horse, Train and an ecstatic Ooh La La.

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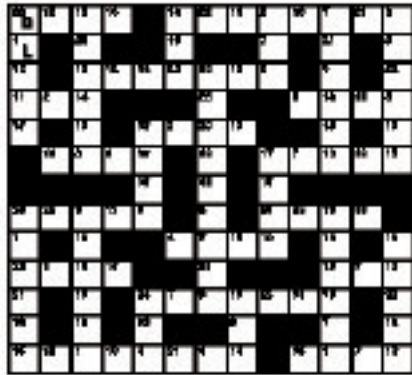
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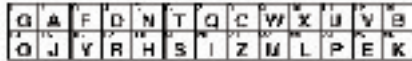
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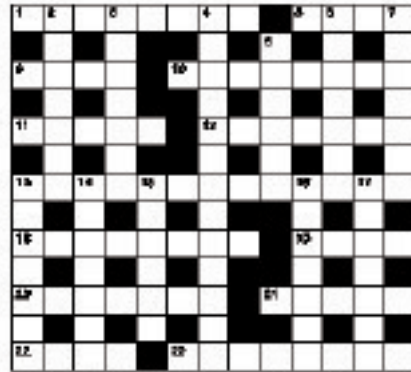
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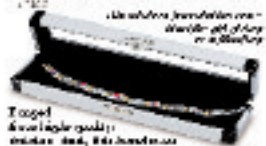
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DVD REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

Guests who get drunk, fall asleep or raid kitchen



Joan Rivers - showing her tender side

Come Dine With Me: The Tasty Bits (15)

The dinner party show has become controversial for many and however outrageous the behaviour of the guests - whether members of the public or celebs - the real star of the show is the droll commentary by narrator Dave Lamb. This DVD features around half an hour of never-before-seen scenes (a little nudity) but they are not that shocking, the makers kept the best bits in.

So we get guests getting drunk and falling asleep at the table or tumbling off their chairs, a host of culinary crimes, and guests so hungry they raid the kitchen to make their own dinner.

As regards the celebrities, Kim Woodburn, of How Clean Is Your House, gets spectacularly drunk on vodka, actress Lesley Joseph gets fits of giggles when her lamb dinner is a disaster and Michael Barrymore's anarchic buffoonery crosses the line into outright vandalism.

Collapse (Exempt)

This thought-provoking documentary puts you in the company of American radical thinker Michael Ruppert for more

than 80 minutes.

Former LA policeman Ruppert reckons our society's dependence on oil will bring ruin upon us all within a decade or so, and that the economic depression - which he seems to have predicted - is just the beginning.

If you believe Ruppert, you had best learn to be a carpenter and farmer fast, because the lights are going to go out, money will be worthless and food is going to become scarce.

It's a talking head documentary, with some stock footage, in which Ruppert is sitting in what appears to be a bunker, chain-smoking and sometimes doing his credibility no good by bursting into tears or barely restraining his four-letter rage at the powers that rule the world.

He also darkly hints about mysterious deaths in the US military and a break-in at his office in which his computers were trashed.

Ruppert seems to take a perverse pride in his belief that he had been personally targeted by the White House during George W Bush's presidency.

He may have fascinated film maker Chris Smith with his apocalyptic vision

but I remained unconvinced by Ruppert's alarming predictions. However, his ideas are certainly interesting... and worrying.

Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work (Exempt)

This documentary of a year in the life of veteran queen of comedy Joan Rivers starts with the comedienne close-up without her facade of make-up.

It makes the film's intention clear, to show the real Joan. And it probably does.

The expletive-using septuagenarian is revealed as a workaholic, driven by the fear of failure and haunted by the sense that comedy is second best to her true love, acting.

She is also wickedly funny on stage and brutal in her dealing with a heckler.

There are two very poignant scenes where we (apparently) see the real woman behind the facelifts and carefully coiffured hair, in a tender moment with her grandson and when the tough cookie sobs after sacking a member of her team, an old friend, who let her down once too often. She still sacked him though.

There are lots of extras on the DVD including interviews.

CD REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

Soulful Duffy blends modern with retro in her second album



Duffy's follow-up album Endlessly blends thenew with the old

Duffy - Endlessly

Snowdonia's soul stunner Duffy returns with a second album that has an American sheen but finds her distinctive soulful croak preserved. Her new team includes New York hip hop funksters The Roots and veteran American songwriter Albert Hammond (who penned Hollies hit *The Air That I Breathe*). The result is an album that lives up to her massive hit debut *Rockferry*, blending retro elements with modern R&B/pop production techniques. The ballads *Don't Forsake Me* and *Too Hurt To Dance* will appeal to those who enjoy old fashioned and *Girl* finds the Welsh songstress in groovy Sandie Shaw-ish 60s mode. The semi-acoustic title track introduces a slurred bluesy edge to her vocal, whereas *Love Struck*

and *Well Well Well* have a more contemporary pop feel. Out November 29.

Nadine - Insatiable

Often considered the best vocalist in *Girls Aloud*, Nadine Coyle has made a bad false start to her solo career with this weedy, bland debut album which doesn't make the most of her voice. Even the best tracks probably wouldn't have made it onto Cheryl Cole's album.

Everything seems wrong, from the half-hearted warbling to odd moments, like when she seems to go missing half way through first track, the wanna-be club anthem *Runnin'*. Maybe she made a mistake by writing her own songs, maybe by the production team, though they include some people with big successes to their credit. But

Insatiable should have been dumped and Nadine directed back to the drawing board. This is one turkey that will still be left in the shops at Christmas.

Selena Gomez & The Scene - A Year Without Rain

The Disney princess follows her million-selling debut *Kiss And Tell* with a better set of perky pop/rock tracks and upbeat dance numbers. Featuring the hit *Round And Round*, it is sickly produced for the star from Disney Channel's *The Wizards of Waverley Place*. The teenager is set to become one of the faces of 2011 with the release of the films *Monte Carlo* and *Ramona & Beezus*. Her album has that mass produced feel but professionally delivers and her voice is pitched somewhere between Britney and Kylie.

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Now the luxurious style of the Flying Spur is even more compelling with the introduction of a range of dramatic 'Series 51' designs, first seen on the Continental GT and GTC.

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In addition, all Continental Flying Spur and Supersports models are now specified as standard with a state-of-the-art, 30GB touchscreen infotainment system, seamlessly integrated into their handcrafted cabins.

Continental Flying
Spur Series 51

Series 51 represents Bentley design at its most vibrant. It allows customers of both Continental Flying Spur and Flying Spur Speed to order 'off the peg' from an innovative and exclusive range of recommended combinations created by Bentley's colour and trim designers at the company's headquarters in Crewe.

Dirk van Braeckel, Bentley's director of design, said: "The Series 51 design concept is inspired by the spirit of the inaugural Bentley styling department in Crewe established by the gifted John Blatchley, who shaped the original and iconic 1950s Bentley Continentals.

"Today, it provides for a virtually bespoke ordering service due to the thousands of configurations available through Bentley's expansive colour and trim cata-

logue." Melinda Jenkins, manager of colour and trim, explained: "Each Series depth and beauty, inspired by a customer's simple choice of three contrasting colours.

51 Flying Spur is instantly recognisable – most notably in the cabin area – where the colour and trim team has created a wide selection of three-tone interiors demonstrating the full potential of the company's vast colour

With luxurious wood veneers and leather hides as the main canvases, the colour and trim specialists begin with a main interior colour (typically a darker shade) and then select a second insert colour to provide an eye-catching contrast.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the Series 51 designs is the feed-

The selection of wood veneers or aluminium panels for the dashboard either complements the overall look or provides even greater contrast if the customer so desires.

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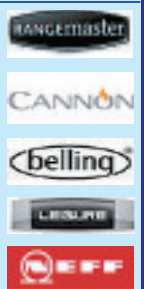


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Stour's Liam Wordley against Tynedale

Saxons out to silence Barking

NATIONAL ONE'S form sides collide at Stourton Park on Saturday when leaders Barking put their unbeaten record on the line against in-form Stourbridge Saxons.

A bumper home crowd will cheer on Ben Hughes' Stourbridge team, who have won six of their last seven

games, including last weekend's comfortable 25-6 triumph over Tynedale.

The Londoners, whose only blemish in 11 starts this season came in a 20-20 draw at Redruth, have already beaten pre-season favourites London Scottish and Cambridge.

Stourbridge director of

rugby Neil Mitchell knows his team will need to be at their best to beat the East Enders.

He said: "I believe former Saracens centre Kevin Sorrell is very influential off the pitch, and runs the show on it."

"Apparently their backs can be devastating, and they

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Ali goes 15 to land the knockout final punch

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TONY THORPE and Shaun Cunnington took over at the Halesowen helm but the new management team were unable to prevent in-form Bashley snatching two second-half goals.

Charismatic goalkeeper Nick Bussey made his return to the Grove and was in early action to collect from visiting captain Chris Knowles.

With a threadbare squad and only two substitutes available, Halesowen player-manager Thorpe played a full 90 minutes and went close when he poked wide after 13 minutes when he beat the offside trap.

A 19th-minute effort from Lee Osborne then drifted just wide.



Action from Halesowen's game at The Grove Pictures: Patrick Mulvaney

Cleared

Just before the break Halesowen's loud appeal for a penalty was waved away following a challenge on Michael McGrath by goalkeeper David Elm.

At the start of the second half Elm saved a 25-yard drive from Ruben Izquierdo. But the Bash grabbed a 54th-minute lead when Luke Whitley headed home beyond Bussey directly from Ryan Hill's corner.

Busy Bussey then did well to turn a fierce

drive from Tom Hill into the side-netting after 61 minutes and full-back Connor Gater cleared off the home line at the foot of the post from another Whitley free-header.

However, there was no lack of effort from the Yeltz who almost found their way back into the game after 77 minutes when Elm made a splendid fingertip save from Anthony Bruce's free-kick.

But Bashley always looked likely to net again and captain Knowles duly doubled

their lead by touching home Mike Spinney's shot just two minutes from full-time.

Cunnington said: "I am really excited to be getting involved."

Challenge

"I have been to quite a few home games this season as I have always been interested in working at Halesowen Town. This is a challenge that excites me and I am glad Tony Thorpe has asked me to get involved."



It's all up in the air as the Yeltz lose to Bashley

FIFTEEN points from Ali Bressington brought in-form Stourbridge Saxons a comfortable three-try win against Tynedale.

The right-winger kicked two penalties and converted tries from centre Tom Jarvis and wing colleague Charlie Fellows before landing a spectacular 90-metre interception touchdown of his own.

This win extends Stourbridge's recent National One run to six victories in seven games and solidifies their position in the top six, writes Paul Smith.

They now enter next week's home game with table-topping Barking with genuine optimism.

Fly-half Gavin Beasley gave the visitors an early advantage with a well-judged 35-metre penalty after Stourbridge were offside in midfield.

Thereafter, the Saxons dominated first-half territory and possession, but too many basic errors meant they failed to convert this superiority into points.

Debutant

Fellows' slashing break set up a good try-scoring opportunity in the 10th minute, which ended when Williams was unable to link with his support.

The home side finally went ahead when on-loan debutant Worcester Warrior Greg King broke through the Tynedale midfield before timing his offload perfectly to send centre partner Jarvis barging over.

Bressington added the extras, and was soon on the mark again with a straightforward kick after Tyne infringed on the ground.

Little had been seen of the visitors as an offensive force, but as their scrummage settled they finally flexed their attacking muscles shortly before the interval.

After Beasley missed a 35-metre penalty chance, sustained pressure saw home hooker Wordley despatched to the sin bin, for a ruck infringement under his own posts.

This time the visiting fly-half made no mistake

Steamed

The Saxons were now well on top, and as the game went past the hour mark, Fellows and Bressington's try-double sealed the home side's win.

Former Worcester winger Fellows steamed 35 metres into the left corner after the outstanding Rupert Cooper carried on a counter-attack started by Matt Williams and King.

Bressington extended the home advantage to two scores with a superb touchline conversion, before his breathtaking solo effort sealed the game.

It began with an interception in the depths of defence, following a period of sustained Tynedale pressure, and ended 90 metres later, as he dived over the try-line close to the visitors' posts.

Ten-game run is finally at an end

STOURBRIDGE saw their 10-game unbeaten run come to an end as they fell to defeat at a rejuvenated Bedford Town on Saturday.

The match itself could have gone either way but a deflected 79th-minute effort from Callum Lewis settled the outcome in favour of the hosts.

Bedford went close after five minutes as Jamie Cole found Josh Sozzo and he squared the ball across from the left for Phil Draycott to hit a shot wide of the near post.

The Glassboys struck first with nine minutes played when a poor throw-out from stand-in home keeper Michael Kavanagh led to Aaron Drake winning possession on the right.

He thumped the ball goalwards but his apparent shot turned into a cross as the ball dropped onto the head of Ryan

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Rowe at the far post and the striker netted.

But the visitors' joy proved short-lived as Bedford levelled matters within a minute. Ian Draycott turned inside the box and hit a low shot inside Lewis Solly's left-hand post.

Stourbridge responded with a left-foot shot from Ben Bingham forcing Kavanagh into a tip-over save. The Glassboys improved after the break but the decisive moment came with 11 minutes left as Lewis found Daniel whose low cross was only partially cleared to the feet of Lewis. His deflected shot flew in.

Glassboys warm their fans with fightback in big freeze

A STIRRING second-half performance from Stourbridge allowed the Glassboys to overturn a 2-1 deficit and take all three points on a freezing winter night at Keys Park.

The home fans were in positive mood following a run of three straight victories for Rob Smith's side.

But it was Stourbridge who took an early lead with Ben Bingham slamming a cross beyond Dan Crane after a swift counter attack to open the scoring on nine minutes.

The Pitmen were unperturbed by the early goal on Tuesday and hit back twice in quick succession as debut hero Danny Quinn continued his electrifying start to life in a Hednesford shirt.

His first goal was a fine indi-

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vidual effort as he glided past three men and clinically poked the ball beyond the helpless Lewis Solly on 11 minutes.

Quinn's second came three minutes later as a Darren Campion free-kick fell favourably and the striker hit a shot which deceived a hapless Solly and trickled into the net to give Hednesford the lead.

Scramble

Stourbridge threatened periodically on the break.

But, as half-time beckoned, Quinn could have secured a hat-trick when he sneaked in on goal but lost his bearings and lobbed the ball over the cross-bar.

The second half was a totally different story as Stourbridge came out the stronger and fully deserved their victory as the

previously positive Pitmen midfield disintegrated.

Nathan Bennett swept the ball home on 49 minutes following a goalmouth scramble and Ryan Rowe capitalised on some poor defending to pick up on a long ball from goalkeeper Solly to poke beyond Crane six minutes later.

A shell-shocked Hednesford side threatened only once to equalise but Solly made a superb save from Chris Clements' rasping drive to preserve the victory.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Wooliscroft, Campion, Dunkley, Francis, Hurren, Brown (Osbourne 81), Clements, Robinson, Quinn (Patterson 75), Denny. **Subs not used:** Orbell, Bailey, Carter.

Stourbridge: Solly, Dovey (Canavan 86), Oliver, McCone, Drake (Rock 68), Bennett, Dyson, Broadhurst, Rowe, Billingham, Mahon. **Subs not used:** Craddock, Jones, Lloyd.



Celebration time as Nathan Bennett wheels away following his equalising goal Picture: Tony Marsh

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